



Fusion director Gavin Stephens outside the refurbished cabins near Liskeard in Cornwall

## Consultancy helps executives escape to the country

A Birmingham consultancy has been getting away to the country, after completing a £1.2 million contract to make log cabin escapes for stressed executives.

Fusion Building Consultancy, based on Ludgate Hill, got the contract with Forest Holidays in a joint venture with the Forestry Commission to refurbish 25 log cabins across three sites in Cornwall, North Yorkshire and Scotland.

The remodelled luxury cabins have been designed to attract stressed-out executives

looking to escape to the peace and seclusion of a woodland retreat. Hot-tubs and lakeside views are provided to aid relaxation.

Fusion director Gavin Stephens said: "Fusion's remit was to interpret the designs and make them work cost-effectively.

"To appeal to a more discerning market, we had to fit new kitchens, bathrooms and create a mezzanine floor for a further bedroom.

"The level of new specification created many challenges, particularly as the water

and electrical supplies weren't sufficient for the upgrades.

"We had to develop some clever ideas to make it all work – whilst at the same time fitting work in between key holiday periods."

The project, which has taken three months to complete, was the second to be awarded to Fusion by Forest Holidays, after the building consultancy project refurbished the national organisation's new headquarters in Moira in Derbyshire.

Mr Stephens added: "Being able to

understand the whole of a project enables us to create innovative and cost effective solutions to achieve the desired result for the client. This latest contract also demonstrates our ability to work nationally. You couldn't get more UK-wide than Cornwall to Scotland, but being centrally located in Birmingham means we're well placed to head North or South."

Fusion Building Consultancy was formed in 2002 and employs 10 people. It works with a variety of national and local clients.